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The USS *Arizona* Memorial, at Pearl Harbor, honors the men who died on the ship when it exploded during the Japanese attack on December 7, 1941. This aerial view allows us to see the ship herself which remains in a sunken condition. Image online courtesy Professor Larry Moran, Department of Biochemistry, University of Toronto. Click on the image for a better view.

I fear we wake a sleeping Giant.

Admiral I. Yamamoto
Japanese Naval Commander
1941

As dawn lit the Hawaiian skies on December 7, 1941, Americans stationed at <u>Pearl Harbor</u> had no clue their world was about to explode. Nor did their Navy and Army Air Force commanders, <u>Admiral Kimmel</u> and General Short.

Pearl Harbor, the <u>strategic</u> Pacific base, was about to become the scene of unbelievable <u>tragedy</u>.

To the west of Hawaii, the Japanese fleet of 6 aircraft carriers, 24 support vessels plus submarines maintained strict radio silence. Transmission fuses had even been removed from radios to make sure no messages could be intercepted. This was to be a surprise attack. Secrecy was paramount.

To the east, in Washington D.C., Japanese diplomats were told to delay their scheduled meeting with the American Secretary of State. Their government wanted to buy time as Imperial attack forces (including two-man <u>midget submarines</u>) prepared to wipe out <u>America's Pacific Fleet</u>.

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#### Husband E. Kimmel, U.S. Admiral - Pearl Harbor, 1941

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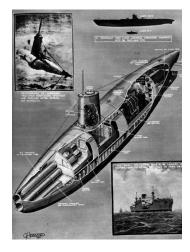


## Memorial - USS Arizona

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